

Appendix C to Chapter 1

PRECEDENCE OF AWARDS

1. The precedence of U.S. military and non-military decorations, medals, and ribbons authorized for personnel of the Navy and Marine Corps are as follows:

a. Military (Personal) Decorations:

- (1) Medal of Honor
- (2) Navy Cross
- (3) Defense Distinguished Service Medal
- (4) Distinguished Service Medal
- (5) Silver Star
- (6) Defense Superior Service Medal
- (7) Legion of Merit
- (8) Distinguished Flying Cross
- (9) Navy and Marine Corps Medal
- (10) Bronze Star
- (11) Purple Heart
- (12) Defense Meritorious Service Medal
- (13) Meritorious Service Medal
- (14) Air Medal
- (15) Joint Service Commendation Medal
- (16) Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal
- (17) Joint Service Achievement Medal
- (18) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal
- (19) Combat Action Ribbon

b. Unit Awards: (After all personal decorations)

- (1) Presidential Unit Citation
- (2) Joint Meritorious Unit Award
- (3) Navy Unit Commendation
- (4) Meritorious Unit Commendation
- (5) Navy 'E' Ribbon

c. Non-Military U.S. Decorations: (After unit awards in order of receipt; if from the same agency, the applicable agency precedence listing should be consulted)

- (1) Presidential Medal of Freedom
- (2) National Security Medal
- (3) National Sciences Medal

- (4) Gold Life Saving Medal
- (5) Silver Life Saving Medal
- (6) Medal for Merit
- (7) National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal
- (8) National Intelligence Medal for Achievement
- (9) Navy Distinguished Civilian Service Award
- (10) Navy Award for Distinguished Achievement in Science
- (11) President's Distinguished Federal Civilian Service Medal
- (12) DoD Distinguished Civilian Service Award
- (13) DoD Civilian Meritorious Service Award
- (14) Navy Superior Service Award
- (15) Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award
- (16) Navy Distinguished Public Service Award
- (17) NASA Distinguished Service Medal
- (18) NASA Flight Medal
- (19) NASA Medal for Exceptional Bravery
- (20) NASA Medal for Exceptional Service
- (21) Merchant Marine Distinguished Service Medal
- (22) Merchant Marine Meritorious Service Medal
- (23) Merchant Marine Mariner's Medal
- (24) Selective Service Distinguished Service Medal
- (25) Selective Service Exceptional Service Medal
- (26) Selective Service Meritorious Service Medal
- (27) Congressional Space Medal of Honor

d. Campaign and Service Awards:

- (1) Prisoner of War Medal
- (2) Good Conduct Medal (Navy and Marine Corps)
- (3) Naval Reserve Meritorious Service Medal
- (4) Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal
- (5) Navy Fleet Marine Force Ribbon
- (6) Expeditionary Medal (Navy/Marine)
- (7) Navy Occupation Service Medal
- (8) National Defense Service Medal
- (9) Korean Service Medal
- (10) Antarctic Service Medal
- (11) Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
- (12) Vietnam Service Medal
- (13) Southwest Asia Service Medal
- (14) Kosovo Campaign Medal

- (15) Armed Forces Service Medal
- (16) Humanitarian Service Medal
- (17) Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal
- (18) Sea Service Deployment Ribbon
- (19) Navy Arctic Service Ribbon
- (20) Naval Reserve Sea Service Ribbon
- (21) Navy and Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon
- (22) Recruiting Service Ribbon (Navy/Marine)
- (23) Marine Corps Security Guard Ribbon
- (24) Recruit Training Service Ribbon (Navy)
- (25) Marine Corps Drill Instructor Ribbon
- (26) Coast Guard Special Operations Service Ribbon
- (27) Armed Forces Reserve Medal

e. Non-Military Service Awards:

- (1) Merchant Marine Gallant Ship Unit Citation
- (2) Merchant Marine Combat Bar
- (3) Merchant Marine Korean Service Bar
- (4) Merchant Marine Vietnam Service Bar
- (5) Merchant Marine Expeditionary Medal

f. Foreign Personal Military decorations (In order of receipt; if from the same country, consult the respective country's precedence listing).

g. Foreign Unit Awards:

- (1) Philippine Presidential Unit Citation
- (2) Korean Presidential Unit Citation
- (3) Vietnam Presidential Unit Citation
- (4) Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Gallantry Cross Medal with Palm)
- (5) Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation
(Civil Actions Medal First Class Color w/Palm)

h. Non-U.S. Military Service Awards:

- (1) United Nations Service Medal
- (2) United Nations Medal
- (3) NATO Medal
- (4) Multinational Force and Observers Medal
- (5) Inter-American Defense Board Medal

i. Foreign Service Medal:

- (1) Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- (2) Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
- (3) Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)
- (4) Republic of Korea War Service Medal

j. Marksmanship Awards:

- (1) Competition Badges - consult individual service regulations.
- (2) Rifle Qualification Award
- (3) Pistol Qualification Award
- (4) Navy and Marine personnel do not wear other service marksmanship awards.

NOTE: Navy and Marine Corps Uniform Regulations maintains the accurate listing for the precedence and appropriate wearing of all service decorations.